



# School **Update**

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*The East Anstey School Newsletter*

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## Autumn Term 2020 - **Welcome Back!**

**11th September 2020**

We are delighted to welcome back all children and staff, after a very challenging time last term. Hopefully you have had a good summer and are now raring to go at the start of the new term.

Our newsletter brings you our latest news and updates and also brings you information on our forthcoming events and initiatives.

We start by welcoming back Mr Gavin Scandrett to the staff team - great to see you back Gavin. Mr Yarney is currently spending time at Bishops Nympton School, so we will still be seeing him from time to time.

We also welcome Liberty and Callum to the Junior class. They have settled in well and we hope they enjoy their time at Anstey.

## Updates and Information



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## *School Systems - A Few Reminders*

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We are now fully open to all year groups, albeit with a few altered systems. Here are a few reminders of how we are currently operating:

### **Drop off and Pick up Arrangements**

The school buses are operating as normal. There is no requirement to separate children or for them to wear face masks on school transport.

For families dropping off and collecting children - we will have normal start time of 9.00am. Children can arrive from 8.45 and should go to their designated class entrance. These are:

Class 1 - Lower gate, lower path and then up to door to Class 1

Class 2 - Lower gate, round the hall and front door to Class 2

Bus children will be collected by a staff member from the top gate.

Please could we ask that only one adult brings in your child(ren), and that social distancing be maintained between families as much as possible.

### **Pupils and Groups**

All children are being taught in class 'bubble' groups. These work as separately as possible throughout the day at school from drop off to pick up. Adults on site will aim to socially distance where appropriate, however there will only be limited social distancing in our class bubbles.

### **PE**

PE is being delivered by Primary Sports and Gavin Scandrett. On PE days (Wednesdays and Thursdays), children should come ready dressed for sports.

### **Lunches**

Hot cooked meals are now fully available again, and children will eat within their designated 'bubble'. If bringing a packed lunch, a clean lunch box can be used. These will need daily cleaning.

### **PPE**

Staff and children will not regularly be wearing masks or other PPE, although equipment is available for specific duties.

Further information updates will be published as part of (and alongside) our e-newsletter. Please contact the school office for specific queries.

### **If Your Child is Unwell**

The government regulations are clear that anyone (including children) that show any of the recognised Covid 19 symptoms should be tested as soon as possible.

The symptoms are listed as:

- A high temperature
- A new continuous cough
- A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

To book a test you should go to the online [NHS Test Booking page](#) or call **119**. Tests can be booked either at a testing centre (more coming on stream every week), or for a home test kit to be sent out. We know of frustrations in trying to book slots for tests - new appointments are released at 8.00pm each day for the following morning and at 10.00am for that afternoon. If anyone is struggling to get a slot, it may be worth trying at those times.

Please let the school know if your child or any of your immediate family are going to be tested. Please could you then let us know the result (whatever the outcome) as soon as possible - there are systems that the school needs to follow in these circumstances and we do rely on families informing us of their situation. Our normal rules of confidentiality and data protection will apply in these circumstances.

Should a child become ill during the day, we will call home to get them collected in the usual manner.

### **National Scam**

It has come to our attention that there is currently a national scam being operated regarding school attendance.

Parents may be contacted via an automated call from 08452250319 (this number may change of course). A voicemail was left to say they were calling from their child's school and their child needed to be collected - it asks parents to contact them on the 0845 number. If this number is called premium rate charges may apply.

Please be assured that we will only contact parents via the school number (01398 341369) and if call-backs are required, they should only be made to this number.

## Lunches



We are so pleased to welcome back our catering team and be able to offer our hot school meals again.

A reminder that meals remain free for all Infants in Reception and Years 1 & 2. Meals for children in Nursery and Years 3-6 are still priced at £2.30 per day, which offers real value for money. The menu has been sent home via email (or hard copy where requested), and can also be viewed on our school website: [September Menu](#)

## What's On?

Although many of our school events will not be able to be held in our normal way, we are looking at different methods of ensuring we still get to do those extra things that we have all enjoyed as a school community.

Watch out for details of online assemblies and celebrations - plans are also being laid for our first ever Christmas film!

## Good News



**Awards** Class 1 Achievers - Callie and Lily Class 2 Achiever - Jesse

We have been delighted with the way that the children have returned to school. After such a long time away they have picked up the new routines brilliantly and have settled straight back into things.

A huge 'well done' to our families for managing all that home schooling and coming out the other side! Thank you all for your continuing support.

## East Anstey Church Fundraising



Keith and Kate Bavin is have set up a 'gofundme' page as part of efforts to raise money to restore the bells at East Anstey Church.

Please take a look at the page [\(available via this link\)](#) to find out more and donate if you wish.

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